

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 453

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jennifer Irene Hathaway on receiving her Doctor of Philosophy in Teaching and Learning from Vanderbilt University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those graduate students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves as scholars of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Irene Hathaway is one such exceptional graduate student, who will receive her Doctor of Philosophy in Teaching and Learning from Vanderbilt University in August 2009; and

WHEREAS, a Teaching Assistant at Vanderbilt since 2004, Ms. Hathaway has achieved outstanding success as a scholar and will soon join the ranks of our country's leaders in higher education; and

WHEREAS, an offer of employment has already been extended to Ms. Hathaway and she has accepted the position at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte as an Associate Professor in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, prior to entering the doctoral program at Vanderbilt, Jennifer Hathaway attended East Carolina University, where she received a Master of Education degree; while earning her graduate degree, she taught fourth grade in Nashville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, before earning her masters, Ms. Hathaway graduated from East Carolina summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hathaway served as an Instructor at Edgecombe Community College, and she also taught fourth and fifth grades in the Nash-Rocky Mount School System in North Carolina for six years; and

WHEREAS, industrious and disciplined from a young age, Jennifer Hathaway worked as an assistant at an accounting firm during high school and in the summers while she attended college; she has also worked as a bank teller; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Tarboro High School in Tarboro, North Carolina, where she was Valedictorian of her senior class; the Outstanding Senior Award was also conferred upon her for her considerable academic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hathaway has since earned many more honors and distinctions; as a Vanderbilt student, she has been awarded a Graduate Assistantship, a University Graduate Fellowship, a Peabody Dean's Fellowship, and a Graduate School Travel Award, which allowed her to present her research at an international meeting in Guatemala City, Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, as an undergraduate at East Carolina, Ms. Hathaway was a North Carolina Teaching Fellow, and she received the Chancellor's Award and served as the President of the Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her faith community, Ms. Hathaway was saved in 1984, and she is a member of First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro; since moving to Nashville to pursue her studies at Vanderbilt, she has attended services regularly at a local church; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hathaway has been supported in her endeavors by a loving family, which includes her parents, Larry P. and Joyce Williamson Hathaway; her sister and brother-in-law, Rhonda Hathaway Wells and Robin Wells; her nephew, Lee Wells; and her niece, Rachel Wells; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hathaway's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jennifer Irene Hathaway on receiving her Doctor of Philosophy in Teaching and Learning from Vanderbilt University and extend to her our best wishes for success and happiness in the field of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.